

out remuneration. It was thought that subscribers would be easier obtained when they would know that the agent was sacrificing his labor for the good of the cause. If he would be self-sacrificing so would they, for "like begets like." The terms, then, are \$1.50 per annum in advance. A *special price* of \$1.00, cash in advance, is made to those, who wish to donate the paper, or to those who are *really too poor* to pay more.

We expect to mail the *Annals* (supply date.) They are now ready for (supply) "press" or "binding."

On account of the illness of Master Homer we are compelled to recall the promise to preach at North Liberty, Ohio, next Sunday.

Query. Would the man who refuses to take a paper because there are advertisements in it take it if there were none in it?

As long as back numbers hold out subscriptions will be started with the January number unless we receive express instructions not to do so.

Let us fill our first page with "Supplement Echoes." Bro. Ira D. Slotter and his mother have been the first to respond. "The liberal soul shall be made fat."

Address the editor until farther notice, 1884, Thirty-eight St., Chicago, where he with his family have taken up temporary residence. See editorial, "Dark Days."

Brother Cassel's excellent article in this issue was written to appear in last week's paper, but when it came we had so much matter already in type that we could not find space for it.

The editor is sorely in need of all the salary due him. If an operation is required to save his boy it will wipe out every cent that he has in the world. We beg of all who are in arrears to square up at once even if they must strain a point to do so.

Sister Slotter suggests that the members of the S. S. C. E. give their plans of selecting and managing hired help in the house. Well sisters the page is yours; If the "Martha" side of the question is the one upon which you most need help the "Martha" of it you shall have.

There are many requests for prayer made by the press, the pulpit, the social and prayer meeting and the fireside. Have our ears become dull of hearing these appeals? Do you heed them all? Let us now begin when asked to pray for any good cause to do so before we proceed any farther. Certainly if all the requests for prayer were sincerely respected greater blessings would come to us than we are enjoying. Then, dear reader, wherever you find an humble request for prayer, stop and breathe one before reading a word farther.

Every man has a guide through life. As you are whirled through space carrying on board an eternal destiny it is of the highest importance to know who is directing your course. Barring accidents every ship safely anchors where she has been directed by her pilot. By and by you will anchor in the "heaven of rest," or in "outer darkness where there is weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth."

Frequent attempts have been made to discover the North Pole. Before starting there has always been the most careful and elaborate preparation for the comfort and safety of the explorers. To do otherwise would incur the disapprobation of the whole civilized world. But what is such a voyage, from which it is expected that all will return again to their native land, with a voyage to that "borne from whence no travellers ere returns."

Bro. Z. H. Copp renews his subscription and donates the paper to five names where he hopes it may do good mission work. He also orders 200 of Bashor's "Brethren Church." Bro. Copp's income is very small but his love for God and man is very large. When we see what such persons do we involuntarily ask what would it be if all would thus sacrifice for Jesus' sake. He asks the prayers of all that God may more abundantly bless the seed sown by his hands.

Undoubtedly the ministers have been disappointed in our not resuming the abridgement of Dr. Harper's Bible studies. We have concluded to offer in its place the Blakeslee graded lessons. We think they will be more appreciated than the other; and then we are so situated personally just now that it would be impossible to prepare the abridgement of Dr. Harpers' Bible study. The Blakeslee lessons are *inductive*, and a year's lessons are bound in four pamphlets. Price for the year, 40 cts. Do not order without sending the cash.

It is said that on a certain occasion a "court fool" was crowned and told that he should wear the crown until he found a greater fool than himself. In course of time the king was brought down on a bed of sickness and death. The "jester" was brought to his bedside to cheer him. The court fool asked the king if he had made any preparation for the change which awaited him. He answered "no." The court fool then proceeded to place his crown upon the king. Who could say it was not wisely placed? "If a man gain the world and lose his soul what does it profit?"

How are you suited with your past year's life? Could you live it over again, would you make any change? or are you satisfied with it as it has gone before you to God? "Oh," you say "I would make some very radical changes if I could have the year back to live over again." You can prove

the sincerity of your statement by living different this year. The man or woman who goes on year after year making no improvement need not talk about being sorry for the mistakes of the past. "Let us act that each tomorrow find us farther than today." The past is past forever. No power can recall it; but we can avoid its defects in the future.

We hear of a course pursued in the selection of ministers in some congregations which is most pernicious and disastrous in its effects. It is the bringing of two or more names before a church to be voted on for pastor. This can never be done without a strong probability of dividing the church into factions. A committee should obtain *one* name whom they think would best suit the congregation and vote on that alone. A pastor chosen in this way can secure the united support of the congregation he may be called to serve, and only when he has this can he do the work with greatest success.

Brother Balsbaugh certainly takes a very philosophical, as well as charitable view of typographical errors. We have been so situated ever since the conference that we *could not* give proof reading and "making up" of paper personal attention and neither was there any one skilled in the art whom we could employ. Beginning with this year we wish to have you notice that our "make up" and proof reading" is creditable. If excuses were not such a miserable substitute for the right thing we would offer some; but now we hope to give you what you want a paper properly proofed and made up.

We now have a striking illustration of how little we know of the effects of our sermons, talks and essays. Last summer Bro. Balsbaugh, wrote us that he would discontinue his contributions to our columns, for he was fully satisfied that our readers did not appreciate such matter as he prepared. What led him to think so we have no idea. But we assured him that we had an abundance of the most satisfactory evidence that his articles were appreciated, and he has continued to favor us with his excellent productions. In a recent letter from him he enclosed an anonymous letter which he had received with a small remittance. The letter was full of expressions of the very highest appreciation of Brother B's writings, and a few days later we received the following:

I am glad to have the change made to book form and am willing to pay for an extra copy. The writings of C. H. Balsbaugh is worth more to me than anything I ever read; they make me see the Bible in a light I never did see before, besides many other good writers. I read every word and many pieces I re-read several times. Yours with best wishes for 1894.

Anna Grubb.